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WITH EXCELLENT LOW-TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AND USES

OF A STEEL OF THIS TYPE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response, together with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 24, 2009. The shortened statutory period was set to expire on September 24, 2009. Applicants hereby request and enclose a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to December 24, 2009. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by the entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and
- **Remarks** begin on page 6.